

May 12, 2017

DIVISION OF WATER QUALITY
UTAH DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
PUBLIC NOTICE DRAFT WHOLE EFFLUENT TOXICITY (WET) POLICY FOR
IMPLEMENTATION IN THE UTAH POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION POLICY
(UPDES) PROGRAM

PURPOSE OF PUBLIC NOTICE

The purpose of this public notice is to declare the state of Utah's intention to implement a revised draft WET policy that is applicable throughout the State.

BACKGROUND

This new policy entitled "Utah Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit and Enforcement Guidance Document for Whole Effluent Toxicity" outlines guidance to be used by Utah Division of Water Quality (DWQ) Staff for implementation of WET controls through the UPDES program. This document updates and wholly replaces the previous DWQ Permitting and Enforcement Guidance Document for Whole Effluent Toxicity Control, dated February 15, 1991. This updated guidance addresses both permit and enforcement aspects of WET. It is intended to assist Permit Writers in developing logical and consistent WET requirements in UPDES permits and to serve as an administrative guide for enforcement.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments are invited any time prior to the deadline of the close of business on June 12, 2017. Written public comments can be submitted to: Mike Herkimer, UPDES Surface Water Section, Utah Division of Water Quality, P.O. Box 144870, Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-4870 or by email at: mherkimer@utah.gov. After considering public comment the Director may execute the policy or revise it based on comments received. The policy is available for public review at <http://www.deq.utah.gov/NewsNotices/notices/water/index.htm>. If internet access is not available, a copy may be obtained by calling Mike Herkimer at 801-536-4386.